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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Senator Birch Bayh, 11 July 1978

1. I discussed with Senator Bayh the State Department Authorization Act of Fiscal Year '79.

2. I tied my case for both the removal of the phrase about ambassadorial authority and the amendment of the Case/Zablocki Act to the conversation earlier in the morning with the President about security, pointing out that foreign liaison and foreign agents simply were going to be worried about dealing with us in the event they knew an ambassador would have the right to know all the details. I drove home the point [redacted]

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[redacted] that we had no complaints from ambassadors, that the State Department alleged that the amendment on ambassadors was no change and therefore simply a redundancy, and that it would be costly to us in the impression given to put a redundancy in a memo. I was asked if Vance agreed. I said no, Vance wanted it done the other way--I thought because he felt he would lose face with the ambassadors and others if he backed down--but that Vance had assured me that they would not use any change in the wording here to lead to any change [redacted] [redacted] the way we were doing business.

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4. The Senator indicated he would look at my arguments carefully. I pointed out we needed his support because this was a foreign relations committee issue but intelligence equities were at stake.


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